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SUBJECT: GOI EXTENDS BENEFITS OF IRAQI NATIONALITY TO
OTHER ARABS

1. RCC DECREES OF MARCH 28 AND MARCH 29 HAVE EXTENDED
TO ALL ARAB NATIONALS IN IRAQ CERTAIN BENEFITS OF IRAQI
NATIONALITY. RULING OF MARCH 29 STATES THAT NATIONALS
OF OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES MAY BE APPOINTED TO GOVERNMENT
POSTS PROVIDED THEY MEET THE SAME TERMS REQUIRED OF
IRAQIS. A COMPANION RESOLUTION GRANTS NON-IRAQI ARAB
WIVES OF IRAQI NATIONALS EXPANDED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNI-
TIES IN THE GOI. A RESOLUTION OF MARCH 28 SPECIFIES
THAT ARAB NATIONALS WHO OBTAIN IRAQI NATIONALITY WILL
RETAIN ALL RIGHTS RESULTING FROM SERVICE IN IRAQ
PRIOR TO THEIR NATURALIZATION.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING PENSION BENEFITS,
NATURALIZED IRAQIS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE
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PERIOD OF SERVICE IN THE ARAB COUNTRY OF
THEIR ORIGIN WITHOUT HAVING TO MAKE ADDITIONAL
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PENSION FUND.

2. COMMENT: RESOLUTIONS ARE LOGICAL STEPS
TOWARD DEALING WITH IRAQ'S SHORTAGE OF SKILLED
LABOR, A DEVELOPMENT BOTTLENECK INCREASINGLY

RECOGNIZED BY THE GOI AND ONE WHICH GREATLY HAMPERS
THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS WHICH ARE BEING ASSIGNED
AN INCREASING ROLE IN THE ECONOMY. THEY ALSO
CONFORM TO BAATH PARTY DOCTRINE THAT ARAB NATION
IS ONE AND CURRENT "REGIONAL" BOUNDARIES ARE ARTIFICIAL.
IN PRINCIPLE, IRAQ ALLOWS FREE ENTRY WITHOUT VISA
AND EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT A WORK PERMIT OF NON-IRAQIS
WHO ARE DOCUMENTED AS ARAB NATIONALS. IN FACT,
EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN EMBOFF CONFIRM THAT MANY
OF THEIR NATIONALS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND EXPELLED
IN RECENT MONTHS FOR BEING WITHOUT "PROPER
EMPLOYMENT". DEFINITION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES PROPER
EMPLOYMENT SEEMS RATHER ARBITRARY BUT APPARENTLY
DOES NOT INCLUDE CASUAL EMPLOYMENT IN PRIVATE
SECTOR. EMPLOYMENT OF NON-IRAQI ARABS IN PUBLIC
SECTOR, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS BEEN TOLERATED
PRACTICE FOR SOME TIME. RECENT RESOLUTIONS
WILL ADD OFFICIAL WEIGHT AND IDEOLOGICAL PURITY
TO MEASURES WHICH MANAGERS OF LABOR-STARVED
PUBLIC SECTOR WISH TO TAKE FOR VERY PRACTICAL
REASONS.

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